

Chambers of Judge James S. Halpern

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James S. Halpern
Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Wharton 1967 BS; Pennsylvania 1972 JD; NYU 1975 LLM
Began Service: July 3, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Affiliation: Adjunct Professor, Law School, The George Washington University

Academic: Assistant Professor, Washington and Lee (1975-1976); Assistant Professor, St. John's University (1976-1979); Visiting Professor, New York University (1979-1980)

Government: Principal Technical Advisor, Assistant Commissioner and Associate Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1980-1983)

Legal Practice: Associate, Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, Alexander & Ferdon (1972-1974); Associate, Roberts & Holland (1979-1980); Partner, Baker and Hostetler (1983-1990)

Military Service: United States Army (1967-1968); United States Army Reserve (1968-1997)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association

Staff

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Mark van Dyke Holmes
Judge

Date of Birth: July 6, 1960
Education: Harvard 1979 BA; Chicago 1983 JD
Began Service: June 30, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Term Expires: June 30, 2018
Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk Alex Kozinski, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1985-1987)

Government: Counsel to Commissioners, United States International Trade Commission (1991-1996); Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division (2001-2003)

Legal Practice: Associate, Cahill Gordon & Reindel (1983-1985); Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell (1987-1991); Counsel, Miller & Chevalier (1996-2001)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association, Tax Section; American Bar Association Litigation Section

Staff

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Diane L. Kroupa
Judge

Education: Georgetown 1978 BSFS; South Dakota 1981 JD
Began Service: June 13, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Term Expires: June 12, 2018
Political Affiliation: Republican

Current Memberships: American Bar Association, Tax Section; District of Columbia Bar Association; Minnesota Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; South Dakota Bar Association

Staff

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Chambers of Judge David Laro

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David Laro
Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Michigan 1964 BA; Illinois 1967 JD; NYU 1970 LLM
Began Service: November 2, 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Term Expires: November 2, 2007

Academic: Adjunct Faculty, Georgetown University; Visiting Professor, University of San Diego School of Law

Corporate: Chairman, Republic Bank (1986-1992); President & Chief Executive Officer, Durakon Industries Inc (1989-1991)

Legal Practice: Winegarden, Booth, Shedd and Laro (1970-1975); Laro & Borgeson (1975-1986); David Laro, Attorney at Law (1986-1992); Of Counsel, Dykema Gossett (1989-1990)

Current Memberships: Michigan Bar Association

Staff

Attorney-Advisor **James Orefice** (202) 521-0738
Education: Georgetown LLM
Confidential Assistant **Rebecca Taynan** (202) 521-0738

Chambers of Judge L. Paige Marvel

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**L. Paige Marvel**
Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Notre Dame 1971 BA;
Maryland 1974 JD
Began Service: April 6, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Term Expires: April 5, 2013
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Legal Practice: Member, Garbis, Marvel & Junghans, P.A. (formerly Garbis & Schwait) (1974-1986); Member, Melnicove, Kaufman, Weiner, Smouse & Garbis, P.A. (1986-1988); Partner, Venable, Baetjer & Howard, LLP (1988-1998)

Chambers of Judge L. Paige Marvel continued

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, Fellow; American College of Tax Counsel, Fellow; American Law Institute; Maryland Bar Foundation, Fellow; Maryland State Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Nicole Occhuzzo** (202) 606-8871
Education: Notre Dame 2002 JD;
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Law Clerk **Karen Oehling** (202) 606-8871
Education: Duquesne MS, 2005 JD
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Chambers of Judge Stephen J. Swift

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Stephen J. Swift
Judge

Date of Birth: September 7, 1943
Education: Brigham Young 1967 BS; George Washington 1970 JD
Began Service: 1983
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Term Expires: 2014
Political Affiliation: Republican

Affiliation: Adjunct Professor, Graduate Tax Program, University of Baltimore

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Graduate Tax Program, Golden Gate University; Adjunct Professor, University of Baltimore

Corporate: Vice President and Senior Tax Counsel, Bank of America NT & SA (1977-1983)

Government: Trial Attorney, Honors Program, Tax Division, United States Department of Justice (1970-1974); Assistant United States Attorney, Tax Division, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1974-1977)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; California Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar

Staff

Law Clerk **Matthew C. Hunsaker** (202) 606-8731
Education: J Reuben Clark Law JD
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Education: San Diego 2001 JD, 2003 LLM
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Education: Maryland BA

Chambers of Judge Michael B. Thornton

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Michael B. Thornton
Judge

Date of Birth: 1954
Education: Southern Mississippi 1976 BS, 1977 MS; Tennessee 1979 MA;
Duke 1982 JD
Began Service: March 9, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Term Expires: March 9, 2013

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Charles Clark, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1983-1984)

Government: Tax Counsel, Committee on Ways and Means, United States House of Representatives (1988-1995); Deputy Tax Legislative Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, United States Department of the Treasury (1995-1998)

Chambers of Judge Michael B. Thornton continued

Legal Practice: Miller & Chevalier (1985-1988); Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan (1982-1983)

Staff

Attorney-Advisor **Jonathan Babu** (202) 606-8711
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Attorney-Advisor **Andrea Ramezan-Jackson** (202) 606-8711
Education: NYU 2005 LLM
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Chambers of Judge Juan F. Vasquez

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**Juan F. Vasquez**
Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Texas 1972 BBA; Houston 1977 JD;
NYU 1978 LLM
Began Service: 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Term Expires: April 30, 2010
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Corporate: Accountant, Coopers & Lybrand (1972-1974)

Government: Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1978-1982)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Leighton, Hood & Vasquez (1982-1985); Partner, Leighton & Vasquez (1985-1987); Partner, Juan F. Vasquez, PC (1987-1995)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association, Tax Section; College of State Bar of Texas; Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia; Hispanic National Bar Association; MABA, Texas & San Antonio Chapters; National Judicial College; San Antonio Bar; San Antonio Bar Foundation, Fellow; Texas State Bar; Texas State Bar Foundation, Fellow

Staff

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Education: Texas 2000 BBA; Florida 2003 JD;
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Attorney-Advisor **Dave Rifkin** (202) 606-8986
Education: Washington U (MO) 1993 AB;
Fordham 1996 JD; NYU 1997 LLM
Secretary **Jean Douglas** (202) 606-8986

Chambers of Judge Thomas B. Wells

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Thomas B. Wells
Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Miami 1967 BS; Emory 1973 JD; NYU 1978 LLM
Began Service: October 13, 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Term Expires: July 2, 2015

Government: County Attorney, County of Toombs, Georgia (1973-1977); City Attorney, City of Vidalia, Georgia (1973-1977)

Legal Practice: Graham & Wells (1973-1977); Hurt, Richardson, Garner, Todd & Cadenhead (1978-1981); Partner, Shearer & Wells (1981-1986)

Military Service: United States Navy (1968-1970); United States Naval Reserve (1970)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Georgia Bar Association

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